



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: Catherine CALLENS et al.  
Serial No.: 10/506,481 Confirmation No.: 2819  
Filed: July 13, 2005  
For: METHOD FOR DESIGNING A NUCLEAR FUEL  
ASSEMBLY HAVING A DAMPING GUIDE TUBE, A  
CORRESPONDING SYSTEM, A COMPUTER  
PROGRAM AND MEDIUM  
Art Unit: 3663  
Examiner: Ricardo J. Palabrica  
Customer No.: 23280  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2009 applicants hereby request reconsideration of the application based on the following remarks.